

**MT. PLEASANT CLINIC SERVED WITH SUBPOENA IN LITIGATION  
INVOLVING MENINGITIS OUTBREAK**

Discovery begins in cases consolidated in U.S. District Court in Massachusetts

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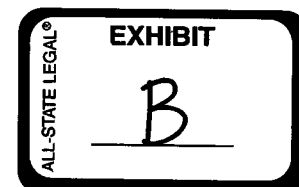
Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina, June 24, 2013. Today Pain Associates of Charleston, LLC d/b/a InterveneMD, a pain management clinic in Mt. Pleasant, was served with a subpoena requiring it to turn over documents in its possession that could shed light on allegations that its patients received injections of tainted medication that led to serious illness.

The subpoena originated in the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts, which is overseeing the consolidation of most cases in Federal and state court alleging personal injury or wrongful death as a result of the contaminated injections. The subpoena was issued by attorneys working in conjunction with a seven-member Plaintiffs' Steering Committee appointed by the District Court to initiate, coordinate and conduct all pretrial discovery of plaintiffs in all actions pending in that court. The purpose of the subpoena is to investigate facts material to ongoing proceedings in the consolidated cases in Massachusetts, and does not necessarily indicate wrongdoing on the part of the clinic. The issuance of the subpoena should not be interpreted as an allegation of wrongdoing on the part of the clinic.

Pain Associates of Charleston, LLC d/b/a InterveneMD was one of many clinics nationwide identified by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as having purchased and administered vials of contaminated methylprednisolone acetate ("MPA") that were produced by New England Compounding Pharmacy, Inc. (NECP) of Framingham, Massachusetts. This is one of many subpoenas being served nationwide on most of the approximately 76 clinics across the country that have been identified as having dispensed NECP products. The CDC has reported three cases of fungal meningitis infection, linked to the tainted compound, in the State of South Carolina alone.

The subpoena requires Pain Associates of Charleston, LLC d/b/a InterveneMD to produce for examination or copying, documents and communications between the clinic and NECP, including information reflecting purchasing decisions, items purchased, dates, quantities, pricing, storage of the medication and more.

According to Patrick T. Fennell, this subpoena signals the next step of an ongoing investigation of the role clinics like Pain Associates of Charleston, LLC d/b/a InterveneMD played in the distribution of contaminated medication. "We believe the information we receive from Pain Associates of Charleston, LLC d/b/a InterveneMD will help us understand how the outbreak of fungal meningitis infections occurred," Patrick T. Fennell said.



The outbreak of fungal meningitis infections is the worst such outbreak in U.S. history. The CDC has recorded more than 700 infections nationwide, and has not ruled out the possibility that this number will continue to grow.

As a result of the large number of actual and anticipated civil lawsuits arising from the outbreak, NECP filed for reorganization under Chapter 11 of the United State Bankruptcy Code, in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Massachusetts, on December 21, 2012. On February 12, 2013, the United States Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation ordered the consolidation of all Federal cases in the U.S. District Court in Massachusetts.

On April 9, 2013 the Hon. F. Dennis Saylor, IV, presiding United States District Court Judge, appointed the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee, of which Thomas M. Sobol, an attorney with the firm Hagens Berman Sobol Shapiro LLP, is lead counsel. Patrick T. Fennell is working with the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee to organize the litigation in the State of South Carolina.